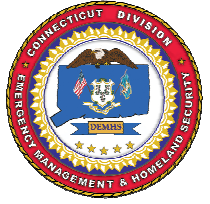




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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION  
**DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY**



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STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

**For This Afternoon:** There is a 40% chance for some snow showers or snow squalls later this afternoon as a weak clipper system moves across our area bringing in colder air. These showers or squalls may coat local some roads with a dusting to a ½" coating of dry snow during the light evening commute between 4:00 – 8:00 PM. The overall impact of any light snow is expected to be minor.

**Forecast confidence is increasing that a moderate winter storm will impact our area beginning Wednesday night and continuing through Thursday night and into Friday morning. The following forecast is based on the latest information:**

**Wednesday Night:** Light snow developing around midnight and continuing overnight with around an inch of accumulation by daybreak. Lows in the upper teens to low 20's.

**Thursday:** Light snow during the day may be moderate at times. Highs in the mid 20's with a general 1 – 3" accumulation during the day. The impact on both the morning and afternoon rush hours is expected to be minor in most areas with a moderate impact in a few towns. Towns can expect a few inches of dry snow on most roads during the day.

**Thursday Night:** A period of moderate to occasionally heavy snow and fairly strong winds are expected from Thursday evening through pre-daybreak Friday morning. During this time snowfall rates may approach 1" per hour at times with low visibilities, some blowing of snow and a moderate impact on overnight travel. Temperatures will also be quite cold overnight with lows near +10 F and wind chills ranging from -10 F to 0. Total overnight snowfall of 4 – 7" is expected.

**Friday Morning:** Snow ending from West to East between 6:00 – 10:00 AM. The impact on the morning rush hour is expected to be minor to moderate with snow cover on most roads, light snow falling and some blowing of the dry snow across roads. Highs on Friday are only expected to reach the teens with wind chills ranging from -10 to +10 F during the day. Total snowfall for the storm is forecast to range from 6 – 10" statewide.

**Friday Night:** Very cold conditions are expected with lows ranging from -5 F in Northern CT to +10 F along the coast. Light winds are expected to push wind chills down to – 15 F at times.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts. The next update will be issued Thursday morning at 10:00 AM or sooner if the forecast changes significantly.

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